

**GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON QUALITY EDUCATION
IN MARYLAND TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS
IN SEVEN REGIONS OF MARYLAND**



The *Governor's Commission On Quality Education In Maryland* will hold public hearings in seven regions of the State in May 2005 (see **attached schedule**). The *Commission* seeks to raise student performance by identifying and supporting effective strategies that accomplish the goal of high academic achievement for all students.

On September 27, 2004, Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., signed an executive order creating the *Governor's Commission on Quality Education in Maryland*. He charged the *Commission* to focus on four critical areas: Teacher and Principal Accountability and Growth, Schools and Community Linkages, Global Best Practices in Education and School Readiness and Early Childhood Programs.

The regional hearings are designed to gain individual and organizational input about issues prior to the release of the *Commission's* findings and recommendations. The *Commission* will issue its final report to the Governor in September 2005. In order to focus the public hearings on significant issues, the commission will encourage speakers to address the following questions:

1. How can Maryland enhance the role and accountability of teachers and administrators in schools?
2. How can Maryland build stronger linkages between schools and their communities?
3. How can Maryland maximize best-practice models in education from around the world?
4. How can Maryland best prepare its youngest children for school success?

Speakers are encouraged to sign up before the hearings to testify. Sign-up sheets will be available at hearing sites two hours before the scheduled meeting. At the discretion of the Chairman or his designee, individual testimony at the public hearings must be limited to three minutes. To ensure individual testimonies are properly documented, speakers are encouraged to submit a written copy to the *Commission's* staff prior to or at the public hearing. Individuals who would like to testify but are unable to attend a public hearing may submit written testimony to:

**Robert Kemmery, Executive Director
c/o Commission on Quality Education
Shaw House
Annapolis, MD 21401**

Written testimony may also be emailed to www.gov.state.md.us/mail/ltdefault.asp

Governor's Commission on Quality Education In Maryland
Public Hearings Schedule

<u>Hearing Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
May 12, 2005	Montgomery College Globe Hall Auditorium 20200 Observation Drive Germantown, MD 20876	7-9 p.m.
May 17, 2005	Cambridge-South Dorchester HS School Auditorium 2475 Cambridge Bypass Cambridge, MD 21613	7-9 p.m.
May 18, 2005	Thomas Stone High School School Auditorium 3785 Leonardtown Road Waldorf, MD 20603	7-9 p.m.
May 19, 2005	Hagerstown Community College Kepler Theater Building 11400 Robinwood Drive Hagerstown, MD 21742	7-9 p.m.
May 24, 2005	Baltimore City Community College The Fine Arts Theatre The Liberty Campus 2901 Liberty Heights Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215	7-9 p.m.
May 25, 2005	C. Milton Wright High School School Auditorium 1301 N. Fountain Green Road Bel Air, MD 21015	7-9 p.m.
May 26, 2005	Largo High School Multipurpose Room 505 Largo Road Upper Marlboro, MD 20774	7-9 p.m.